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Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior at shows nor renders obvious a weighing conveyor system that includes, inter alia, a measuring conveyor, a feed conveyor, a discharge conveyor, and a central conveyor. The measuring conveyor has a weight detecting means and a plurality of belts. The belts are spaced apart widthwise from each other, and are born by the weight detecting means, such that a weight of an article can be measured while the article is transported on belt transporting surfaces of the belts. The feed conveyor has a plurality of first transporting members each having a first transporting surface. The discharge conveyor has a plurality of second transporting members each having a second transporting surface. The central conveyor has a third transporting member that has a third transporting surface and is arranged between the plurality of belts of the measuring conveyor. The third transporting member extends through the measuring conveyor along transporting direction. The third transporting surface of the central conveyor has level portions and a lower portion. The level portions are disposed in a first transfer area which between the feed conveyor and the measuring conveyor, and a second transfer area which is between the measuring conveyor and the discharge conveyor. The lower portion is disposed where the measuring conveyor is located. The level portions of the third transporting surface are located at substantially the same height as the belt transporting surfaces of the measuring conveyor. The measuring lower portion of the third transporting surface is located vertically below the belt transporting surfaces of the measuring conveyor.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Randy W. Gibson whose telephone number is (571) 272-2103. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri., 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kamand Cuneo can be reached on (571) 272-1957. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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